

## FX action remains muted

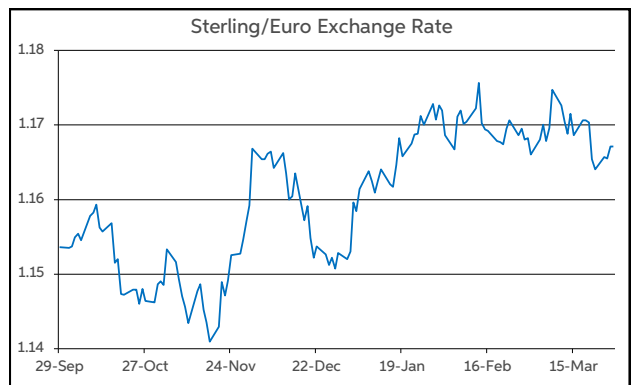
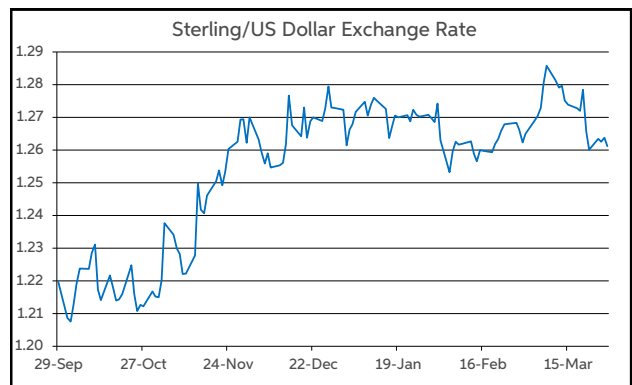
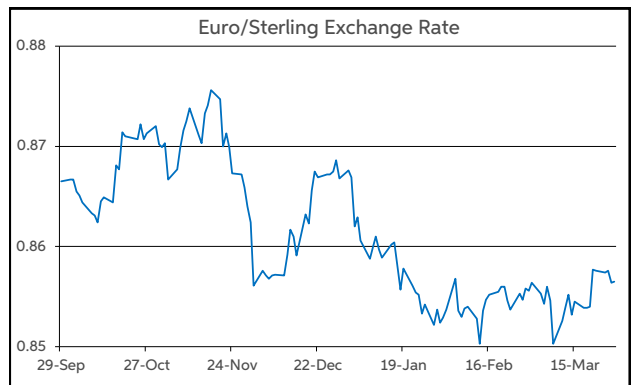
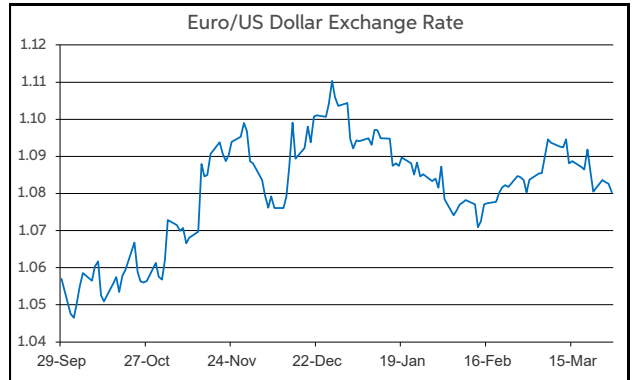
The action across financial markets remained fairly muted yesterday as investors eye up the end of Q1 and the upcoming Easter holiday weekend. Another contributing factor was the lack of top tier macro data. The main data highlight was from the Eurozone, with the publication of the EC economic sentiment survey for March. The headline index printed as expected, with a reading of 96.3, representing an increase versus February. Overall, the EC survey is consistent with recent PMI data showing some improvement in the Eurozone economy over the course of Q1.

There was a positive tone to investor sentiment. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 continued to register modest gains, rising by 0.3%. Meanwhile, on Wall Street, the S&P 500 posted its first daily gain this week. The index was 0.9% higher at the close last night. The moves on bond markets were characterised by declining yields. Most of the main 10-year benchmark sovereign yields were lower by between 4-6bps.

Once again, the FX majors remained confined to tight ranges, which was expected given the dearth of macro data. Of the limited action to register over the last 24 hours, the euro is slightly softer. EUR/USD opens this morning at \$1.08, while EUR/GBP has edged back nearer to the midpoint of 85-86p. Meantime, GBP/USD continues to trade close to the \$1.26 threshold. Elsewhere, USD/JPY has eased back from its 34-year high, trading below the halfway mark of the ¥151-152 band.

Looking ahead to today, the macro diary remains relatively dull. The main Eurozone release of note is M3 money growth (Feb). Meanwhile, the US macro highlights are the final reading of GDP and core-PCE inflation for Q4'23.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.0801	-0.21	-2.13
EUR/GBP	0.8564	-0.20	-1.20
GBP/USD	1.2609	-0.02	-0.94
GBP/EUR	1.1671	0.20	1.21
USD/JPY	151.44	-0.20	7.36
EUR/JPY	163.56	-0.38	5.10

\* v Previous Day's European Open  
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Opening Interest Rates						
Base Rate	Money Market			Swap Rates		
	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	5.38	5.44	5.56	5.29	4.83	4.28
EUR	4.50	3.83	3.90	3.60	3.17	2.70
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.16	4.85	4.62	4.06

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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# Opening Levels

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## Euro

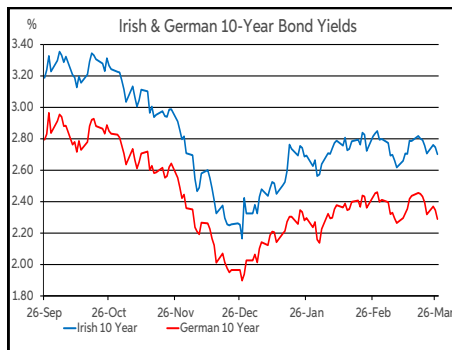
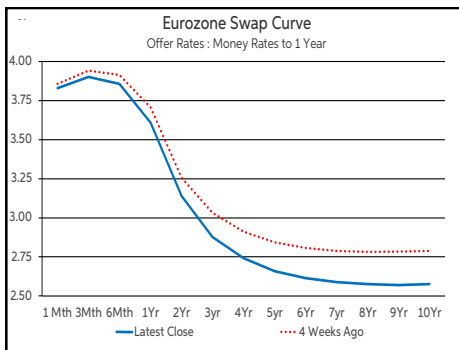
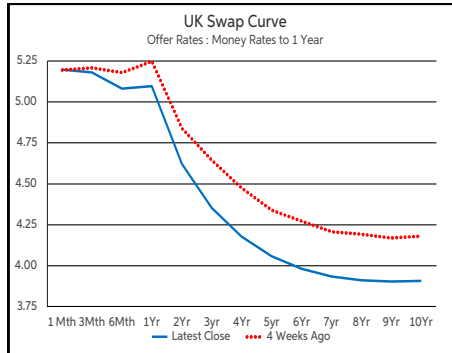
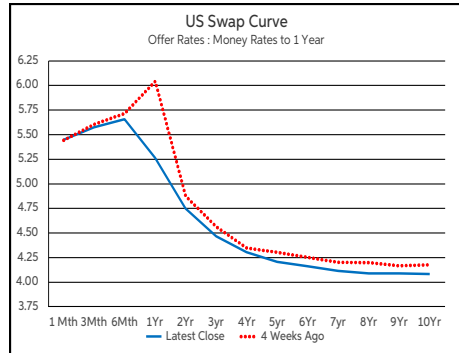
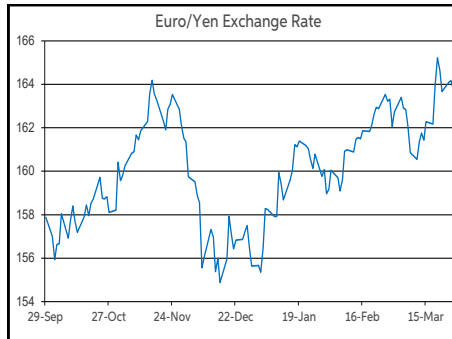
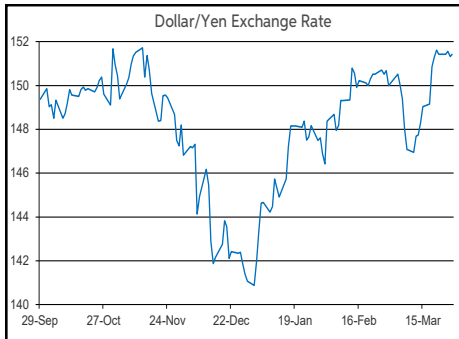
EUR/GBP	0.8564
EUR/USD	1.0801
EUR/JPY	163.56
EUR/SEK	11.4934
EUR/DKK	7.4571
EUR/NOK	11.6689
EUR/CHF	0.979
EUR/AUD	1.6584
EUR/HKD	8.4516
EUR/CAD	1.4681

## Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1671
GBP/USD	1.2609
GBP/CAD	1.7139
GBP/NZD	2.1082
GBP/JPY	190.97
GBP/SEK	13.4217
GBP/DKK	8.7035
GBP/NOK	13.6308
GBP/CHF	1.1431
GBP/AUD	1.9364

## Dollar

USD/JPY	151.44
USD/CAD	1.359
USD/CHF	0.9062
USD/CNY	7.2277
USD/BRL	4.9921
USD/RUB	92.0375
USD/INR	83.38
AUD/USD	0.6512
NZD/USD	0.598



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	4.19	-5	-8	+32
Germany	2.29	-6	-17	+26
UK	3.93	-4	-26	+39
Ireland	2.73	-4	-14	+34
Belgium	2.87	-5	-16	+19
France	2.79	-5	-15	+23
Italy	3.61	-4	-28	-9
Spain	3.13	-5	-22	+14
Portugal	2.97	-4	-13	+19
Greece	3.28	-3	-16	+20
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	4.20	-4	-6	+41
Eurozone	2.66	-5	-18	+23
UK	4.06	-3	-23	+40
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	4.75	-3	-9	+41
Eurozone	3.14	-3	-11	+35
UK	4.62	-2	-21	+36
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	44	+1	+3	+8
Belgium	58	+1	+2	-7
France	50	+1	+3	-3
Italy	132	+1	-11	-35
Spain	84	+1	-4	-13
Portugal	68	+1	+5	-8
Greece	99	+2	+1	-6

Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	86.09	-0.19	+2.88	+11.75
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2194.0	+0.71	+7.83	+6.37

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